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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KERN BAKERSFIELD COURT 1215 TRUXTUN AVENUE BAKERSFIELD CA 93301

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF KERN

FEBRUARY 14, 2023
BY Vanessa Castro DEPUTY

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER:

CARLOS MARIN RIVERA

CARLOS MARIN RIVERA, INDIVIDUALLY, AND ON BEHALF OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC SIMILARLY SITUATED

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT:

AGRESERVES, INC., A UTAH CORPORATION

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO JUDGE FOR ALL PURPOSES AND NOTICE OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE CRC RULE 3.110 AND NOTICE OF CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

CASE NUMBER:

BCV-23-100439

By order of the presiding judge, the above entitled case is assigned to the Honorable Thomas S. Clark for all purposes. It will be managed on the direct calendar program in Bakersfield Department 17 located at 1415 Truxtun Avenue until its conclusion. Peremptory challenges, if any, must be made within the times set out in CCP §170.6. Please include the initials TSC after the case number on all future pleadings filed in this case.

TO PLAINTIFF AND PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:

You are ordered to appear on May 30, 2023 in Bakersfield Department 17 located at 1415 Truxtun Avenue at 8:30 AM to give any legal reason why sanctions shall not be imposed for failure to serve the complaint on all named defendants and file proof(s) of service with the court within sixty (60) days after the filing of the complaint pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.110. All appearances are mandatory, unless the court receives the required proof(s) of service five (5) court days prior to the hearing date, and then no appearance is necessary.

TO EACH PARTY AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ATTORNEY(S) OF RECORD:

This case is set for Case Management Conference, by the Honorable Thomas S. Clark on August 14, 2023 at 8:15 AM in Bakersfield Department 17 located at 1415 Truxtun Avenue. Case management statements are to be filed at least fifteen (15) days prior to the conference in accordance with California Rules of Court, Rules 3.720 – 3.730. All parties shall comply with California Rules of Court, Rules 3.720 – 3.730.

NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL

IMPORTANT: You are required to serve this Notice of Assignment and Notice of Order to Show Cause Date and Notice of Case Management Conference Date with the Summons, Complaint [Local Rule 3.7(a)], Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Packet, and ADR Stipulation and Order Form (California Rules of Court, Rule 3.221).

NOTICE TO CROSS COMPLAINANT'S COUNSEL

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: If you are bringing a cross complaint against new parties, you are, likewise, required to serve this Notice of Assignment pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.110 and Notice of Order to Show Cause date and Notice of Case Management Conference date on the new cross defendants.

TAMARAH HARBER-PICKENS CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Date: February 14, 2023

By:

Vanessa Castro, Deputy Clerk

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The Clerk of the Superior Court's office has received a civil complaint from you for filing. Pursuant to the Trial Court Delay Reduction Act, your case has been assigned to the Honorable Thomas S. Clark as monitoring judge.

Judge Thomas S. Clark has instituted a direct calendaring system for all cases assigned to him/her as the monitoring judge.

All law and motion, case management and trial setting conferences, ex parte matters and trials will be scheduled before him/her in Bakersfield Department 17 located at 1415 Truxtun Avenue. This will involve all cases in which the clerk has assigned the initials TSC to the complaint at the time of filing. Counsel is expected to make the initials of the monitoring judge a part of the case number on all pleadings and papers.

Law & Motion and Ex-Parte hearing dates must be pre-cleared by contacting the Direct Calendaring Clerk at 661-868-7204. Tentative rulings can be located by visiting "http://www.kern.courts.ca.gov/", after 4:00 pm. Click on the Non-Criminal Case Information link to enter the case number. Please note, not all departments provide tentative rulings.

At the time of filing the complaint, plaintiff's counsel will be given a Notice of Case Management Conference which sets a conference approximately one hundred eighty (180) days after filing of the complaint. This notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants. Defendants must serve the notice on all cross-defendants named. The notice must also be served on interveners and lien claimants.

Telephonic appearances for case management conferences and law and motion hearings are available through Court Call. The toll free telephone number for Court Call is (888) 88-COURT. Proper procedures must be complied with under California Rules of Court, Rule 3.670. Arrangements to make appearances through Court Call must be made at least five (5) court days prior to the hearing date.

Another judge will hear settlement conferences in cases assigned to Judge Thomas S. Clark. However, those cases that do not settle will be set for trial before him/her.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KERN SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES

At least fifteen (15) days prior to the case management conference, each party shall prepare, file and serve on each other party a case management conference statement providing the Court with the following information:

- 1. The "at-issue" status of the case including any new parties that may be contemplated;
- 2. A brief statement of the type of case and the general facts or contentions;
- 3. A description of the discovery done to date and that contemplated to be done;
- 4. Estimated time for trial and whether a jury is demanded;
- 5. Whether or not the case is entitled to priority in trial setting and if so, the legal authority thereof;
- 6. An evaluation of the case for alternative dispute resolution, including arbitration (judicial or binding), mediation or private judge handling;
- 7. If a person injury action, a description of the injuries sustained by each plaintiff and the elements of claimed damage;
- 8. A statement of any settlement negotiations undertaken thus far;
- 9. The name of the attorney primary responsible for the case on behalf of the party filing the statement.

More than one party may join in the filing of a single statement.

The case management conference shall be attended by the attorney primarily responsible for the case on behalf of each party or a member of his or her firm or counsel formally associated in the case. The attorney attending shall be thoroughly familiar with the case, and be able to engage in meaningful discussions with court and counsel, and to enter into agreements on behalf of his or her client on the following subjects:

- 1. The "at-issue" status of the case including the dismissal of the unnamed doe defendants or cross-defendants by agreement of all parties;
- 2. Discovery conducted and remaining to be done;
- 3. Amenability of the case to alternative dispute resolution including, but no limited to, arbitration (judicial or binding), mediation, and private judge handling.
- 4. Delineation of issues including stipulation of facts not in substantial controversy;
- 5. Settlement prospects:
- 6. Setting the matter for trial, pre-trial conferences, settlement conference or further case management conference;
- 7. Any other matters relevant to the processing of the case to a final resolution.

Any violation of these rules shall result in the imposition of substantial sanctions which may include monetary, issue, termination, or other appropriate sanctions.

RIVERA, MARIN CARLOS ET AL VS AGRESERVESM INC., UTAH CORPORATION BCV-23-100439

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

The undersigned, of said Kern County, certify: That I am a Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Kern, that I am a citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age, I reside in or am employed in the County of Kern, and not a party to the within action, that I served the *Notice of Assignment/Notice of Order to Show Cause Re CRC 3.110/Notice of Case Management Conference* attached hereto on all interested parties and any respective counsel of record in the within action by posting true copies thereof, to the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, Non-Criminal Case Information Portal (https://www.kern.courts.ca.gov).

Date of Posting:

February 14, 2023

Place of Posting:

Bakersfield, CA

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

TAMARAH HARBER-PICKENS

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Signed: 2/14/2023 12:52:48 PM

Date: February 14, 2023

By:

Vanessa Castro, Deputy Clerk

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MARIN RIVERA v. AGRESERVES, INC.		
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CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET	Complex Case Designation	BCV-23-100439
× Unlimited Limited	Counter Joinder	20 100 100
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demanded demanded is	(Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)	DEPT.:
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Items 1–6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).		
1. Check one box below for the case type the		
Auto Tort		Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation
Auto (22)	Breach of contract/warranty (06)	(Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403)
Uninsured motorist (46)	Rule 3.740 collections (09)	Antitrust/Trade regulation (03)
Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property	Other collections (09)	Construction defect (10)
Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort	Insurance coverage (18)	Mass tort (40)
Asbestos (04)		Securities litigation (28)
Product liability (24)	Other contract (37)	Environmental/Toxic tort (30)
Medical malpractice (45)	Real Property	Insurance coverage claims arising from the
	Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14)	above listed provisionally complex case
Other PI/PD/WD (23)	(00)	types (41)
Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort		Enforcement of Judgment
Business tort/unfair business practice (07		Enforcement of judgment (20)
Civil rights (08)		Miscellaneous Civil Complaint
Defamation (13)	Commercial (31)	RICO (27)
Fraud (16)	Residential (32)	Other complaint (not specified above) (42)
Intellectual property (19)	Drugs (38)	Miscellaneous Civil Petition
Professional negligence (25)	Judicial Review	
Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35)	Asset forfeiture (05)	Partnership and corporate governance (21)
Employment	Petition re: arbitration award (11)	Other petition (not specified above) (43)
Wrongful termination (36)	Writ of mandate (02)	1
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* Other employment (15)	<u> </u>	
2. This case 💌 is is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the		
factors requiring exceptional judicial management:		
a. Large number of separately repre	esented parties d. 💌 Large numbe	r of witnesses
b. * Extensive motion practice raising		with related actions pending in one or more
issues that will be time-consuming to resolve courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal		
c. 💌 Substantial amount of documents	arv evidence court	•
f. Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision		
3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. 💌 monetary b. 🕱 nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c punitive		
4. Number of causes of action (specify): Six (6)		
5. This case is is not a class action suit.		
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)		
Date: February 13, 2023		
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(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)
NOTICE		
Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed		
under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result		
in sanctions.		
File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.		
• If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all		
other parties to the action or proceeding.		
 Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only. 		

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties In Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiffs designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

the case is complex. **Auto Tort**

Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

Asbestos (04) Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injury/ Wrongful Death

Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24)

Medical Malpractice (45) Medical Malpractice-

Physicians & Surgeons

Other Professional Health Care Malpractice

Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Premises Liability (e.g., slip

and fall)

Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD

(e.g., assault, vandalism)

Intentional Infliction of

Emotional Distress

Negligent Infliction of

Emotional Distress Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort Business Tort/Unfair Business

Practice (07)

Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination,

false arrest) (not civil

harassment) (08)

Defamation (e.g., slander, libel)

Fraud (16)

Intellectual Property (19)

Professional Negligence (25)

Legal Malpractice

Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)

Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Breach of Rental/Lease

Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)

Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller

Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence)

Negligent Breach of Contract/

Warranty

Other Breach of Contract/Warranty

Collections (e.g., money owed, open

book accounts) (09)

Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff Other Promissory Note/Collections

Case

Insurance Coverage (not provisionally

complex) (18)

Auto Subrogation

Other Coverage Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud

Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse

Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)

Writ of Possession of Real Property

Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent

domain, landlord/tenant, or

foreclosure)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise,

report as Commercial or Residential)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)

Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)

Writ-Administrative Mandamus

Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

Case Matter

Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review

Other Judicial Review (39)

Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal-Labor

Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)

Construction Defect (10)

Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)

Securities Litigation (28)

Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)

Insurance Coverage Claims

(arising from provisionally complex

case type listed above) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)

Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)

Confession of Judgment (non-

domestic relations)

Sister State Judgment

Administrative Agency Award

(not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of

Judgment on Unpaid Taxes Other Enforcement of Judgment

Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified

above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only

Injunctive Relief Only (non-

harassment)

Mechanics Lien

Other Commercial Complaint

Case (non-tort/non-complex)

Other Civil Complaint

(non-tart/non-complex)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate

Governance (21)

Other Petition (not specified

above) (43)

Civil Harassment

Workplace Violence Elder/Dependent Adult

Abuse

Election Contest

Petition for Name Change

Petition for Relief From Late

Claim

Other Civil Petition